BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2003-157-C - ORDER NO. 2003-437

JULY 7, 2003

| IN RE: | George Haynie, |) | ORDER GRANTING |
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| | Complainant, |) | MOTION FOR V U EXTENSION OF TIME AND/OR STAY OF |
| | VS. |) | PROCEEDINGS |
| | MCI WorldCom, |) | |
| | Respondent. |) | |

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on the Motion of MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc. ("MCI") for an extension of time and/or stay of proceedings for the Complaint of George Haynie ("Mr. Haynie") against MCI.

By its Motion filed June 30, 2003, MCI requests an extension of time for prefiling testimony and of the previously scheduled hearing date. By Order No. 2003-330, dated May 16, 2003, the Commission established prefile dates for filing testimony and exhibits in the present Complaint matter and scheduled this matter for hearing on July 24, 2003. MCI requests a modification of the set procedure created by Order No. 2003-330 to allow for a delay in all prefiling dates and the previously scheduled hearing.

According to MCI, Mr. Haynie has indicated to MCI a preference to avoid litigation of his Complaint if an accord can be reached. In its Motion, MCI states that it

will attempt to resolve Mr. Haynie's issues through discussion and/or mediation; therefore, MCI requests a stay of this matter until August 1, 2003.

Upon consideration of the Motion of MCI to extend the prefiling dates for testimony and exhibits and for a stay of the July 24, 2003 hearing previously set on the Complaint matter in the instant docket, the Commission finds and concludes that the Motion should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The scheduling order for prefiling testimony and exhibits and the hearing date established by Order No. 2003-330 for the Complaint of George Haynie against MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc. shall be stayed until August 1, 2003.
 - 2. This Order shall remain in effect until further Order of the Commission.

 BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Mignon L. Clyburn, Chairman

ATTEST:

Gary E. Walsh, Executive Director

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